To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2712 without my signature.

I sympathize with property owners who are faced with the problems presented by registered sex offenders. However, this bill would prioritize property-owner liability protection before tenant safety. I cannot support legislation that may compromise the safety of families and children. Protection of our children from sexual predators should be the top priority and I encourage the Legislature to revisit this dilemma in more depth next session to develop a solution that protects both families and property owners.

For these reasons, I cannot support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger